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Two ambulances provide 24-hour emergency service for the Lajes community, however, people should understand what constitutes an emergency requiring an ambulance.

## Medical ambulance crews provide 24-hour support

*User cooperation during medical situations crucial to group's ability to provide necessary coverage*

**Lt. Col. Otha Solomon**  
65th Medical Group  
Operations Squadron  
Commander

The 65th Medical Group Clinic is proud to serve our community with a 24-hour ambulance service. We have two ambulance teams to support all active-duty members, DOD beneficiaries and their families.

Our ambulance teams are all Emergency Medical Technicians certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, thus we pride ourselves on an emergency response system parallel to those found in the United States. Because our host nation offers

an ambulance service governed by different standards, we provide our own Air Force emergency transport service for the entire Team Lajes community as efficiently and effectively as possible.

In order to do this, we need your help. You can help by using the 911 emergency system appropriately. Emergency care is defined as medical or dental care required to save life, limb or sight or to prevent undue suffering or loss of body tissue. To help there are two manuals - "Take Care of Yourself" and the "Taking Care of Your Child" books available at the family practice clinic and the Health Hut in the Chace Fitness Center.

## Holiday Safety Quiz

They come in waves every year at this time: the lectures about responsible drinking during the holidays. After all that has been written and said, it's a good time to find out if the message is getting through. So this holiday season, the lectures are replaced with a quiz to judge who has enough common sense to make it safely through the holiday season.

It's not so much a test about what you know. It's mostly a test about what you would do if confronted with choices at a holiday party with coworkers, friends or family. The only rule is be honest with yourself.

## True Or False

1. It's rude to turn down a drink at a holiday party.
2. If I'm under 21, it's OK to drink with over-21 friends.
3. It's best to start at the food table, not the bar.
4. There's no rule about how much a person can drink without becoming impaired.
5. A beer and a mixed drink contain about the same amount of alcohol and have similar impacts.
6. It's the holidays, so I can set aside rules and drink without limits.
7. I can drink more than the average human being and still drive home safely.

## Answers

1. False. It's OK to say no. Ask for a soft drink or non-alcoholic beer when that's what you want.
2. False. If you're under 21, don't drink alcohol. It's illegal, unsafe, and unfair to the party host who could get into trouble if you're caught.
3. True. If you're drinking alcohol, eat something before you start. Food helps absorb alcohol.
4. True. Know your limits. Different people can drink different amounts of alcohol without becoming impaired, based on their size, gender, health, mood and the time of their

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# Drivers license renewal policies outlined

**SSgt. Kip Huston**  
65th Security Forces Squadron

Driver's license renewal policies vary from state to state. Some don't offer extensions, while others offer an extension of 30 days to five years.

If your state doesn't allow an extension, contact that state for advice on renewal procedures.

Procedures for military extensions apply to residents who are out of their state or province on active military duty.

Where automatic extensions are allowed, two qualifying rules apply:

- The license had to be current at the time of entering military service
- Proof of active duty must be carried with the license.

States with extension policies allow military members to operate motor vehicles on an expired license with proof of active-duty status. Dependent qualifications vary from state to state.

The following military extension policies are reproduced from the 1997 Digest of Motor Laws ID guide. This publication is used nationwide by law enforcement agencies to verify state registration and identification.

## No extension

The following states do not grant extensions: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Canadian provinces, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

The state of Oklahoma gives a 60-day extension upon request when outside the continental United States, otherwise there is no extension. Illinois and Oregon give 45-day extensions when outside CONUS, otherwise there is no extension.

## Valid for duration of service

Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

For more information, call Ext. 23221.



Customers look over some of the new fish items available at the commissary. About 10 frozen fish items, purchased locally, are no available.

Photo/Guido Melo

## Commissary now carries local fish

**SSgt. Rosaire Bushey**  
Editor

Wander through the meat counter at the commissary these days and you'll likely notice something new - fish.

The commissary began buying fish products from a company in Praia Nov. 21. Included in the list of items commissary patrons can expect to find are shrimp, cod, squid and swordfish.

"The supplier has 13 items and currently we have 10 of them," said Ruben Nadal, commissary manager. The other items are currently being looked at for inclusion at the commissary.

The packages are written in Portuguese, which, Nadal said, may make it difficult for customers to understand. "We're working on a way to translate the labels, but people shouldn't hesitate to ask one of the local Portuguese workers at the commissary to help out. They'll be glad to let you know what the label says."

Although frozen fish is the first step, it's not the only improvement to selection being looked at by the commissary staff.

"We're looking at what it would take to have fresh fish available," Nadal said. "Currently, however, there aren't any commissaries in Europe that carry fresh fish, so we have to work out what equipment would be necessary to make that happen."

The fish counter isn't the only one being looked at for change. The produce section is also being scoped out for possible local products.

"Right now we're trying to work out the local purchase of fruits and vegetables," he said. "It would have to be on a like basis, however."

"Of course we will be looking at the possibility of including local produce as well, to include small bananas and pineapples from Sao Miguel."

Our overall objective is to offer Team Lajes the widest variety to choose from at the best value -- so you, the customer, can decide, he said.

## police blotter

The police blotters are true incidents which have affected the members of Lajes Field for the week of Nov. 27 to Dec. 3.

### BREAKING AND ENTERING - DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Dec. 3 - Theft of government property, off base, secured. Persons unknown stole several boxes of candy.

Dec. 3 - Theft of government property, off base, secured, Beira Mar. Persons unknown removed a tree from housing.

### LARCENY

Nov. 29 - Burglary, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. Persons unknown broke into a member's house and consumed some beverages.

Nov. 29 - Burglary, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. Persons unknown broke into a member's house taking jewelry, electronic equipment and other items.

Dec. 2 - Larceny, unsecured, T-130, dormitory. A member reported he saw

two local nationals take a pair of jeans and a VCR from the third floor dayroom. Contact was made with the individuals who were turned over to Air Base No. 4 authorities.

### UNSECURED BUILDINGS

Nov. 29 - T-600 water pump

Nov. 30 - T-209 CDC; new car sales; old hospital

Dec. 1 - T-807 warehouse

### VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Nov. 28 - Minor vehicle accident, on base, no injuries. A POV was backing out of a parking space when it hit another POV. Each vehicle had minor damage.

Incident Nov. 27-Dec.3 97YTD

Assault	0	13
Domestic	0	3
Burglary	2	35
B&E sheds	0	30
B&E gov't bldgs.	0	34
Larceny	3	134
Unsecured bldgs.	5	162
Vehicle accidents	1	86
DUI	0	3
Vandalism	0	75



# Comptrollers take six ACC annual awards

**Wendy Swan**  
Volunteer staff writer

The 65th Air Base Wing Comptroller Flight received six awards from Headquarters Air Combat Command for the fiscal year, 1997.

"Winners in six different categories shows the depth of the team," said Maj. Terry Ross, Comptroller. The 65th CPTF team won the following: Financial Management and Comptroller Office of the Year, Financial Analysis Officer of the Year, Financial Services Airman of the Year and had runners-up in these categories: Accounting and Finance Office of the Year, Accounting and Finance Officer of the Year, and Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year.

In order to win the Financial Management and Comptroller Office of the Year awards the unit competed with 22 other ACC units. Starting off as the underdog but on firm footing said Ross, gave the flight the edge they needed. "Lajes has the advantage of being small which lends itself to a good community and we get support from senior management," he said. Some of the flight's accomplishments included managing a \$47 million economic impact which enhanced relations with Portugal; coordinating funding and payment procedures with Navy and Marine Corps units; eliminating approximately \$400,000 per year in incorrect payment of entitlements; decreasing the wing's American Express delinquency rate to 3.19% - third best in ACC - and achieving a 24 hour processing goal for travel payment - cutting in half ACC's 48-hour goal. "This shows that as a team, the flight improved community relations, customer service, and financial management," said Ross.

Capt. Dwayne LaHaye, budget officer and

Financial Management and Analysis Officer of the Year, also had an important role. "He has a critical function for the wing; he makes sure the funding we receive from headquarters is adequate to meet our needs," stated Ross. For example, he garnered \$155,000 from ACC in fiscal year 1997 initial distribution and found \$180,000 in accounting errors which freed resources for the wing. LaHaye provided an essential link between the wing and headquarters. "He established a trust with headquarters and he's not afraid to make the tough calls," said Ross. LaHaye has proven himself a strong budget officer and as Ross said, "he has a lot of potential."

TSgt. Thomas Schaefer, who served as both the chief of paying and collecting and the chief of commercial and material sections in FY97 was awarded Accounting and Finance Services Airman of the Year. Schaefer had a "high degree of responsibility as he's in charge of the vault and cash which leaves no room for error," said Ross. Schaefer led the automation of many functions such as spreadsheets which detected a \$40,000 misrepresentation of funds. "Tom is a professional, approaches every task positively and I know he'll accomplish any task," states Ross. For example, Schaefer caught up a 3-year accounting problem despite the fact he changed positions, "he sees things through, and is a well-rounded NCO," states Ross.

The flight was a runner-up for the Accounting and Finance Office of the Year. They achieved an overall "Excellent" on Air Combat Command's Quality Air Force Assessment. They provided outstanding pay service to the four services. Ross states "I am impressed with the team's determination with same day payments." In addition, the accounting and finance office

earned two Superior Performance Team Awards: Paying and Collecting; and Accounts Control Teams.

The flight has also participated in many volunteer and community activities. "I'm impressed with people's involvement with the community," said Ross. "They hosted a Portuguese appreciation luncheon for the unit, raised funds for the youth telethon and renovated their building."

First Lt. Galen Mackenzie, who was the ACC runner-up for the Accounting and Finance Officer of the Year Award, "is not afraid to go hands-on and he works with his staff to get things done," Ross said. He implemented the first comptroller home page on the internet. "Mackenzie has a large span of control, he understands all seven pay service and accounting functions under his authority; he ensures compliance with a myriad of internal controls."

Goretti Melo, budget analyst, was a runner-up for the Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year Award. "Goretti handles all the \$17 million civilian pay budget. She ensures funding is available and she provides the office expertise and a strong knowledge base," said Ross. Melo found \$184,000 deemed "missing" due to lack of system interfacing and cleaned up budget reports by teaching herself the supply listings. "Overall, she's a positive influence for both the Portuguese and American members of the comptroller flight and she's an outstanding employee."

"Every member of the comptroller flight has an exceptionally positive attitude," Ross said. "We don't see problems; we see them as challenges and use them to improve our processes. Because of that attitude, we have been honored by ACC at several levels."



## Lajes Team Player



SrA. Jason  
Chenault

**Unit-** 65th Security Forces Squadron  
**DEROS-** Sept. 1998

**How do you contribute to the Team Lajes mission -** I contribute by patrolling the base and helping keep the streets safe.

**Like least about Lajes -** Being so far away from home and, of course, the wind.

**Like most about Lajes -** Not too much happens, so there is plenty of time to study and participate in many sporting events.



## action lines



Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, presents Michael Lovett, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, with a set of senior airman stripes. Lovett was selected for promotion to senior airman below the zone.

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Items of base wide interest will be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122	AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124	Hospital	23615
Civil engineer	26113	Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411	CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114	Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832	TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213	Personnel flight	23612
Services	21322/beeper 169-1174		
<b>Action Line</b>	<b>24240</b>		

## Christmas tree, oh, Christmas tree

**I find it appalling there can't be some agreement between the Portuguese and Americans regarding the Christmas tree issue, seeing as we've had trees**

every other year. Now, it's too late to have one shipped through the exchange. If there was a law that would be broken or would have had to have been waived, it seems people should have known about it before the trees were ordered. I'm wondering why all the time and money was spent to have the trees come here. I find it amazing that with some much emphasis on quality of life, this can't be worked out. This is a major issue of having Christmas trees during Christmas time when you're far away from home and your family.

Let's review the facts. Although AAFES officials followed guidelines that have been in effect for at least 20 years, in 1994 the Portuguese became obligated to follow European Union import laws which exclude North American trees. When this base ordered trees from Canada, we were unaware of the change in the law, and, in all fairness, the officials that had to enforce this new EU law were just doing their jobs. Azorean officials tried to find ways to

work within the law but without success. The timing of this discovery, so close to Christmas, is regrettable, but local officials took action and came up with a workable solution by offering our families Azorean grown trees, free of charge, to replace the ones lost.

Base leadership and others worked this issue hard. Hopefully every family who wanted a tree was able to get an Azorean tree. A special thanks to each of you who made donations to the Boy Scouts as you picked up your tree. This is their only fund raiser and Team Lajes came through for the children again.

In retrospect I ask you to chalk this event as part of your Azorean experience. Take a picture with your Azorean tree so you can look back several years from now and laugh about this. I again applaud all of you who, after getting over your disappointment, have turned this into a positive experience. Thanks.

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# Ambulance Continued from Page 1

In the event of an emergency remember that an ambulance isn't always the fastest way to reach medical help. It's often faster to take a private vehicle to the medical facility; however, the ambulance brings with it a trained crew who are experienced in how to lift a victim to minimize the chance of further injury. In some instances, lifesaving resuscitation may be employed on the way to the hospital; thus care by ambulance attendants may most benefit a person who is gravely ill, has a back or head injury, about to have a baby, have a heart attack (chest pain), or is severely short of breath.

It's our experience that ambulances are too often used as expensive taxis. An ambulance may be needed more urgently at another location, so people should use good judgement when deciding to

call for one. To help in determining when to call, take note of the following:

You should NOT call an ambulance for:

- Not feeling well and can't drive yourself home
  - Small cuts and/or abrasions that are bleeding
  - Most minor sports injuries - except those that involve a loss of consciousness
  - Dizziness or nausea
- You should call for:
- Sports injuries involving loss of consciousness
  - Back or head injuries
  - Heart attack
  - Severely short of breath
  - Unconsciousness
  - Broken extremities (exposed bone)
  - Severe chest wounds
- Emergencies are serious events

that require prompt attention. We must ensure we can meet the needs of anyone needing an ambulance for "true emergencies."

It's also important to remember that emergencies require prompt attention, not panic. Consider your options when medical care is needed.

The 65th Medical Group Clinic cannot continue dispatching ambulances for non-emergencies if we are to meet our mission requirements. We must maximize the use of our emergency response vehicles by responding only to emergency situations. We realize our options and facilities are limited, but we're certain that with everyone's cooperation, the entire Team Lajes community will be served with prompt and efficient emergency care.



## How do the Portuguese celebrate Christmas?

The Portuguese celebrate Christmas in much the same way as other western countries, although there are some differences due to local traditions.

These vary between regions, especially when it comes to food and religious services.

Although it used to be traditional to have a nativity scene, the majority of Portuguese families now have a tree set up in their living rooms. Some, however, have a nativity scene set up under the tree.

On Christmas Eve families and friends gather for supper and exchange gifts. Menus vary from region to region, but in the Azores it's traditional to have boiled codfish with a good red or white wine. Decades ago the traditional dish was chicken because codfish wasn't available or was too expensive.

After supper, the Catholics generally go to the Christmas Eve Mass, which is usually held at midnight.

Gifts are sometimes exchanged before or after the church service.

On Christmas day, people spend the day visiting relatives, friends and live nativity scenes. It's also traditional, especially on Terceira, to visit friends to taste Christmas cakes and other delicacies.

**Lately I've seen posters and other political items posted in various locations around the island. Are there any elections coming up?**

**A:** The posters, fliers and other political items that can be seen around the island are the several political parties' publicity to reveal their candidates to the elections for the city halls, municipal assemblies and local town councils which will take place Sunday.

More than 47,000 voters on Terceira are expected to go to the ballots to elect the new mayors of Angra and Praia, as well as the representatives to the two municipal assemblies and the 29 town councils around the island.

Candidates from or representing the following four political parties; The Social Democrat Party (PSD); Socialist Party (PS); People's Party (PP); and coalition of communists and environmental supporters (CDU), will run for a four-year term.

The city hall and town council representatives are directly responsible for developing the quality of life of the districts or villages they represent. Their chief responsibilities include repairing, maintaining or constructing new roads, installing water piping lines and sewer systems, improving or constructing new housing units for the poor families, promoting cultural and social events, etc.

For administrative and jurisdictional purposes, the island of Terceira is divided in two districts; Angra and Praia which encompass 19 and 10 villages respectively.

## What is the meaning of the Portuguese arms portrayed in the flag?

The five blue shields in the middle of the flag represent the five Moorish Kings who were defeated by Portuguese King Alphonso Henry (1112-1185) in the Battle of Ourique.

The divine assistance, which aided his victory, is commemorated on each blue shield by five white dots representing the five wounds of Christ.

## ask Ed

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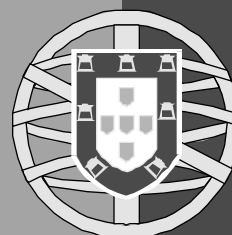
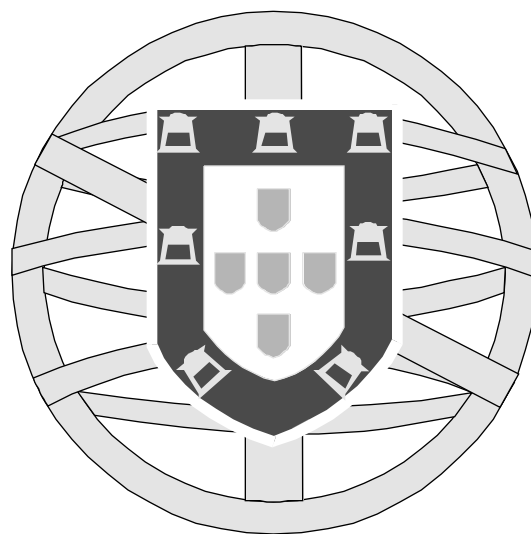


The seven golden castles on the red border of the big shield represent the castles conquered by Alphonso Henry during his reign.

The armillary sphere - a navigational instrument symbolic of the age of discoveries when Portuguese navigators opened far parts of the world to the Euro-

pean culture - was the personal symbol of King Manuel I and was added to the flag in 1815.

The green and red colors, which replaced the blue and white in the flag on June 9, 1911, in the aftermath of the 1910 Republican Revolution, stand for hope and revolution respectively.







# Exercise, Exercise, Exercise





# Photos MSgt. Graham Hess



Clockwise from Top right -- Portuguese Air Base No. 4 and 65th Medical Group ambulance crews work to remove injured victims in the crash of a U.S. C-130 during Tuesday and Wednesday's exercise; a joint firefighter response force clears the building struck by the crashed plane; aircraft generation equipment is secured Tuesday during an exercise severe weather scenario; members of the first response team gather together during the beginning of the crash scenario; a Portuguese patrol sets up a cordon guard area; and middle - people come prepared during a processing line.





# Staff, tech, master rates increase

*Technical sergeant boost largest with 2.5 percent rise; 1.8 percent for E-7; and .2 percent for staff*

**SMSgt. Jim Katzaman**  
Air Force News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force personnel officials plan to bring holiday cheer to noncommissioned officer grades again this year.

For the second consecutive year, promotion rates to staff, technical and master sergeants will increase, while promotion rates for seniors and chiefs will remain above the Total Objective Plan for Career Airmen Personnel, or TOPCAP, minimum promotion rates.

"Last year we were able to increase promotion rates to the highest levels seen in the last 10 years for staff, technical and master sergeants and we are pleased to announce the 1998 promotion rates will increase for these grades as well," said Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, deputy chief of staff for personnel.

Again this year, the largest increase will come at the technical sergeant grade with an increase of 2.5 percent from the 1997 rate. The 1998 promotion rate for technical sergeant will be 17.6 percent. This means the promotion rate for technical sergeant will have increased by 6.4 percent over the last two years.

Master sergeants will have an increase similar to last year's 2.1 boost. They will receive a 1.8 percent increase, bringing the 1998 rate to 23.4 percent. This is the highest promotion rate for master sergeants seen since 1987.

"We are pleased to be able to increase the staff sergeant promotion rate for 1998," McGinty said. "We owe it to our hardworking senior airmen to give them the highest promotion rate our personnel sys-



Photo/SSgt. Angela Stafford

## Air Force quilt

The Air Force unveiled its 50th anniversary quilt in the Pentagon concourse Dec. 5. The quilt contains more than 85 handmade squares from virtually every Air Force base throughout the world and measures 20 feet by 20 feet. Thread used to join the squares together was flown aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis on its Sept. 22 mission. Final assembly of parts and pieces took more than three months to complete, including more than 500 hours for hand-embroidered lettering. The quilt center features a 36-inch Air Force seal surrounded by seals representing each major Air Force command. The quilt is framed in a special display case covered with Plexiglas to allow viewers to "walk" on the quilt for better viewing. This heritage quilt, better known as the "Fabric of the Air Force," was created to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. After a one-week display at the Pentagon, the quilt will be permanently displayed at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The quilt patch representing Lajes showed the island of Terceira along with the coasts of both North America and Europe, aircraft and cows and was made by a team of crafters including Joyce Murra, Vivian Childs, Maria Ruff, Kim Skates, Kathy Peters, Melody Calvert, Julie Shaffer and Alice Gibson.

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Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty, deputy chief of staff for personnel

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tem will allow." The 1998 promotion rate for staff sergeants will be 18.7 percent, up from 18.5 percent in 1997. This is a 2.1 percent increase since 1996.

Senior and chief master sergeant promotions are constrained by law to not more than 3 percent of the total enlisted end strength. With this in mind, McGinty said, "end strength is the driving factor in determining promotion rates for seniors and chiefs. Because end strengths change it is very difficult to predict future rates with precision.

"However," he added, "we anticipate the promotion rates will remain above the TOPCAP minimum promotion selection rates, which are 6 percent for seniors and 13 percent for chiefs." Last year the promotion rates were 7.6 percent for seniors and 18.1 percent for chiefs, and similar promotion rates are expected again for 1998.

"The rate for seniors was higher in 1997 than we have seen since 1991, and for chiefs the 1997 rate was slightly lower than 1996 but considerably higher than the previous eight years," McGinty said.

"Our people are our most valuable asset in the Air Force," McGinty said. "We are excited that we can help take care of our people by increasing promotion rates and at the same time balance the force.

"Increased promotion rates can't do it alone. It takes hard work, dedication and good study habits to reach individual promotion goals."





## Pigskin Picks

Week  
15

This week Judy Hatfield took first-place honors with a 13-2 record. She'll receive a Superbowl XXXI mug courtesy of the 65th Services Division. Random prize winners were **James Lardon** and **Gary Jackson**, who will each receive prizes courtesy of Services; and **Emerita Lardon** who gets a T-shirt from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales division.

Winners can pick up their prizes at public affairs, Bldg. T-100. **Prizes not claimed within two weeks will be redistributed.**

### Top 20 after Week 15:

1	Chris Coleman	139	69
	David Conley		
3	Carmen Gonzalez	136	72
	Charlene Longley		
5	Daron Hampton	134	74
	Debra Huntley		
	Mikell Wetzell		
	Bradley Mangan		
9	Randy Bialcik	133	75
	Parry Campbell		
11	Jessie Miles	132	76
	Antonio Ribeiro		
	Doc Russell		
14	John Thurmon	131	77
	Tracy Bigsby		
	Larry Veltman		
17	Brian Ackerman	130	78
	Nettie Paulus		
	James Faircloth		
	Jennifer Brownmiller		
	Rod Gibson		
	Jim Reinhardt		
	Tina Sweet		

### Bottom five

111	Julie Shaffer	101	107
112	Francisco Nogueira	100	108
113	Dave Hicks	99	109
	Irene Moore		
115	Rebecca Mosley	92	86

Because of the complete and utter failure of the Crossroads' computer hard drive this week, postings for the weekly winners will not be available at public affairs until Wednesday afternoon. (Thankfully, this error occurred at the end of the season) Ties which effect the outcome of prizes will be determined by using the point total for the final regular season game. Closest wins.



Photo/SrA. Sharon Fairley

### Over-30

The Operations Support Squadron and Medical Group Over-30 basketball teams chase down the ball Monday afternoon. The Operations Support Squadron won the game 34-27.

Over-30 games are played Monday through Thursday at 11 a.m. and noon. Intramural basketball games are played Monday through Friday hourly from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Briefly

### Gift certificates

Massage therapy gift certificates are available for \$35 for a one-hour session. Call Ext. 28755.

### Bike training camp

The Lajes Fat Tire Bicycle Club will sponsor a mountain bike training camp. People under 18 years of age must have parental permission. Participants will view a video and then learn tips prior to riding local trails. Bikes are available but limited. Call Ext. 28755 for more information.

- Club BTT of Angra sponsors mountain bike races nearly weekly and the Lajes Fat Tire Club invites everyone to join the fun. The next race is Saturday in Praia.

### Sports notes

- An invitational raquetball tournament will be held Jan. 25 from noon to 6 p.m.

- A raquetball coaches meeting will be held Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. in the community center.

- A meeting for the coaches of unit intramural chess teams will be held Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in the community center. The season begins Jan. 20.

- The Sports Zone, located in the Chace Fitness Center carries the following items: Color graphic T-shirts, engraving plaques, X-Press Design, gift items and a wide selec-

tion of sports apparel.

For more information on any sports notes item, call Ext. 25151.

### Aerobics schedule

The following aerobics classes will be held at the Chace Fitness Center:

- Monday through Friday - noon to 1 p.m., classes started Monday.

- Monday and Wednesday - 6 to 7 p.m., classes begin Dec. 22.

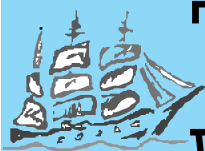
- Saturday - 1 to 2 p.m., classes started Monday.

### Equipment classes

The fitness center staff will be giving instructions on the proper use of exercise equipment beginning Jan. 12 and every Monday after from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 25151.

### Triathlon team needed

People interested in forming a U.S. Forces Azores triathlon team should call SrA. Dean Gracey. Training will begin immediately for triathlons to be held in Angra and Praia. Events consist of 750 meter swims, 20 kilometer bike rides and 5K runs. People interested in racing with the USFORAZ road cycling team can train all winter and race from April through August. Call Ext. 28755 for information on either event.



## Trade Winds

### Saturday

Lunch: Hamburger parmesan, roast port and turkey risotta

Dinner: Baked chicken, paprika beef and creole spaghetti

### Sunday

Lunch: Meatloaf, pepperoni pizza and curried chicken with brown rice

Dinner: Jaegerschnitzel, turkey curry and grilled ham steaks

### Monday

Lunch: Spaghetti, rojoes, diced pork with potatoes and ginger pepper steak

Dinner: Sukiyaki, szechwan chicken and manicott

### Tuesday

Lunch: Peixe assado, baked Italian sausage and summer spaghetti

Dinner: Beef porcupine, roast fresh ham and herbed baked spinach

### Wednesday

Lunch: Savory baked chicken, oriental steak, ervilhas a Portuguesa, peas and sausage Portuguese style

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, oven-fried fish and broccoli and turkey casserole

### Thursday

Lunch: Tacos, french-fried fish portions, frango na pucara, chicken in an earthen pan

Dinner: Prime ribs, jambalaya, pasta primavera

### Dec. 19

Lunch: Iscas a Portuguesa, liver Portuguese style, turkey pasta and szechwan chicken

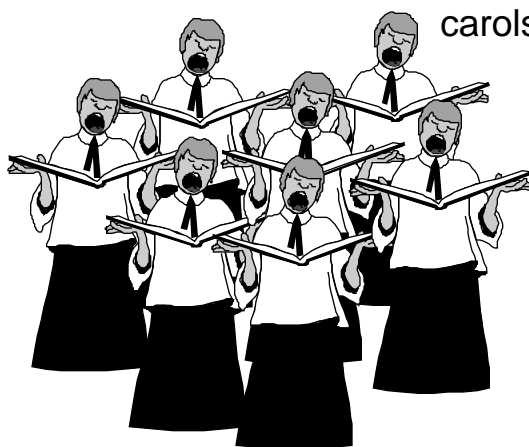
Dinner: El rancho stew, veal steak and ground beef cordon bleu

*(Note: Menu subject to change without notice. Daily hotline menu: Ext. 24248.)*

# Christmas Cantata

The annual Christmas Cantata will be held at the chapel Sunday at 6 p.m.

This candle-lit event is for the entire family and will include audience singing of Christmas carols, along with special



performances by the chapel combined choir, Catholic, Evangelical, Gospel and Bell choirs. Additionally, select Portuguese musical artists and the high school brass will be performing.

Call Ext. 22369



[busheyr@abw65.lajes.af.mil](mailto:busheyr@abw65.lajes.af.mil)

- Cottage H-201A, two bedrooms with potential upstairs space for child's room, living room, kitchen and large outdoor shed with lawn mower. End unit of tri-plex with full-wrap fenced yard. Lots of extras. New paint and improvements completed in 1997, \$5,000 OBO, call Ext. 28454 or 22369.

- **FREE** cat. She's a stray we think was abandoned. We've had her fixed but she can't move in with us. Very loveable, affectionate and litter trained - all she needs is a home. Excellent lap cat who is good with people. Call Ext. 28454.

- Be in a cozy cottage for Christmas. Three bedroom, one bath, complete with fireplace and newly renovated kitchen and bath. Lots of storage space and fenced-in yard just outside hospital gate. Call Ext. 28210 or 24134.

- Cottage, H-165, \$7,800 OBO, avail-

able Dec. 31. Must see - all offers considered and will owner finance. Call Ext. 28114.

- Thule trunk-mounted bicycle carrier, holds two bikes, \$50. Call Ext. 28469.

- New Bianchi mountain bikes starting at \$275 and new Bianchi road bikes starting at \$580. Call Ext. 28755.

- Will fix bikes for free - you pay for parts only. Call Ext. 28755.

- Snorkeling gear - 6mm top and bottom wetsuit, mask with purge valve, snorkel, gloves, boots and fins, excellent for cold water, \$300. Call Greg at Ext. 23227 or 28081.

- 1993 PGO Comet 49cc scooter, \$600. Call Ext. 24205 or 57708.

- Cottage - H-201C. Two bedrooms, one bath, new paint, ceiling fans, fenced yard, lots of storage space, \$4,800 OBO. Call Ext. 23239 or 28285.

**Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.**





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### LHS advisory meeting

The Lajes High School joint advisory and school improvement committee meets Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the school's media center. All parents of high school students are encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information or to have your concerns put on the agenda, call Kim Skates at Ext. 28237.

### Found

The security forces squadron has several unclaimed personal property items. People wishing to claim these items should call the law enforcement desk at Ext. 23222.

- Two mountain bicycles
- One key ring with two Ford keys
- Two men's wedding bands
- One gold necklace with pendant

### Bake sale

The Time For Us Tots play group will have a bake sale in front of the commissary Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### AFI 36-2903

#### Tip of the Week

##### Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

**Ribbons** - Even though you can wear all, some or none of your ribbons, they still must be aligned properly along the shirt and in good repair.

Be safe and be in standards, remember, you represent us all.

#### Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -  
Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m.

Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

#### Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m.

Mass



### Thought for the Week

"Walk with wise men  
and you will become  
wise, but the companion  
of fools will fare badly"

Proverbs 13:20

### Carry out open

The carry-out store from the back of the old club closes Dec. 28. The store will re-open Jan. 2 at the outdoor recreation building, T-319. For more information, call Ext. 24140.

### Auto disposal

Manny's auto repair now offers automobile disposal service. Manny's will process all paperwork, drain the car's fluids and tow it. People should call no later than two weeks prior to required turn-in. Call Ext. 23174 for more information.

### Bowling practice

The Hillside Lanes offer discount practice cards - adults get 25 games for \$20 and youth get 25 games for \$13.75. Call Ext. 26169.

### Community center notes

- Single elimination pool tournament Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Prizes for first and second place.
- CC tours offers a trip to Graciosa Feb. 16 to 19. The last day to sign up is Jan. 10.
- The center hosts an arcade tournament every Thursday at 7 p.m. Featured games for January are: Jan. 8 - Virtual Fighter; Jan. 15 - Killer Instinct; Jan. 23 - Neo Geo; and Jan. 30 - Gun Fighter. Games are subject to change depending upon availability.
- A table tennis tournament will be held Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. This is a single elimination tournament and prizes will be given for first and second place.
- Superbowl Bingo will be held Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the community center. More than \$10,000 in cash and prizes including a grand prize of a trip for two to the Superbowl is up for grabs. Call Ext. 24135 for information.
- Portuguese language classes begin Jan. 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The six week course is taught every Tuesday and Thursday and cost \$50.
- Services offers a special four-hour skating session Dec. 22, 29 and 30 from 7 to 11 p.m. for \$2.

### Library notes

- Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the library and volunteers are needed to help during storytime hours. For more information, call Ext. 23688.
- The reference library is offering the following orientation tours:
  - Jan. 8, 7 p.m., learn how to search for information using the Ebsco Academic

Search and other CD based resources.

— Jan. 15, 7 p.m., learn how to use CD based programs like the Social Issues Research Series and the SIRS government reporter.

— Jan. 22, 7 p.m., learn how to research using internet browsers, sites and search engines.

— Jan. 29, 7 p.m., learn how to use FirstSearch's 60 on-line databases.

To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the library will have bibliographies available before and after the holiday. The library will be closed Jan. 19.

### Lodging

People interested in reserving a room at lodging for new year's eve can get a TLF suite for \$35 and VOQ/VAQ for \$17. Don't drink and drive, call Ext. 23683.

### Positions available

The following positions are available through the human resources office - call Ext. 25200 for more information on any of the following positions:

- Waiter/supervisor at the club
- Recreational aid at the skills development center
- Lifeguard. (Certification classes begin in May for the summer 1998 season.)

## Safety

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last meal, among other factors.

5. False. Alcohol beverages can differ in their impacts. A martini can contain twice the alcohol of a light beer.

6. False. Drink in moderation, no matter what the circumstances. In general, excessive drinking is unhealthy and unsafe.

7. False. If you drink past your safe limit, don't think you can drive home. If someone who's not impaired offers you a ride, take it. If not, ask for a ride or call a cab. It takes less time and money to pick up your car the next day than it does to get bailed out of jail or detoured to a hospital.



## Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



### Saturday

#### Rocketman

PG (L) 94 min  
12:30 p.m.

L.A. Confidential  
R (V•L•S) 138 min  
5 p.m.

#### Kiss the Girls

R (V•L) 117 min  
9 p.m.

- Harland Williams and Jessica Lunday. Backup astronaut Williams is drafted for a trip to Mars but he's more klutz than rocket scientist.
- Kevin Spacey and Kim Basinger. Three policemen become victims of the corruption of early '50s L.A.
- Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd. A D.C. cop searches for his niece who disappeared.

### Sunday

#### Seven Years in Tibet

PG-13 (V)  
139 min

- Brad Pitt and David Thewlis. A mountain climber in Tibet in 1939 winds up as a prisoner of war and sent to a camp in India where he escapes and returns to Tibet.

### Monday

#### Peacemaker

R (V•L)  
122 min

- George Clooney and Nicole Kidman. The theft of nuclear weapons propels two people into the former Soviet Union to stop a terrorist plot.

### Tuesday

#### In & Out

PG-13 (S•L)  
90 min.

- Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck. A small town teacher is 'outed' by a former student who wins an Academy Award. On the eve of his wedding he must convince everyone it's a misunderstanding.

### Wednesday

#### L.A. Confidential

R (V•L•S)  
138 min

- See Saturday for details.

### Thursday

#### Soul Food

R (S•L)  
114 min

- Vanessa Williams and Vivica Fox. The food is the focus that unites a family torn apart by troubles and misfortunes.

### Dec. 19

#### Kiss the Girls

R (V•L)  
117 min.

- See Saturday for details.

### SATURDAY

- 0900 Aaahh! Real Monsters
- 0930 Erie, Indiana
- 1000 Nova
- 1100 Hometime
- 1130 Burt Wolf's Menu
- 1200 Headline News
- 1230 Navy Marine Corps News
- 1300 NBA Basketball - Miami at Indiana
- 1530 Headline News
- 1600 WWF Superstars
- 1700 Soul Train
- 1800 Headline News
- 1830 NFL Football - Redskins at Giants
- 2130 Headline News
- 2200 NFL Football - Steelers at Patriots

### SUNDAY

- 0100 Saturday Night Live
- 0230 Videolinks
- 0300 Separated by Murder
- 0500 Headline News
- 0530 Outreach Of Love
- 0600 Real Videos
- 0630 Hour of Power
- 0700 Family Times
- 0730 A Child is Born
- 0800 Casper
- 0830 Arthur
- 0900 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman
- 1000 Flipper's New Adventure
- 1200 Headline News
- 1230 Army News
- 1300 NHL Hockey - Avalanche at Canucks
- 1600 WCW Wrestling
- 1700 NFL Football: Jaguars at Bills
- 2000 NFL Football: Chiefs at Chargers
- 2300 Headline News
- 2330 Wall Street Journal Report

### MONDAY

- 0000 Computer Chronicles
- 0030 America's Black Forum
- 0100 Austin City Limits
- 0200 Friday Night
- 0300 Headline News
- 0330 CNN/SI
- 0400 NBC Meet the Press
- 0500 Shining Time Station Christmas Special
- 0600 Muppet Babies
- 0630 Kiana's Flex Appeal
- 0700 Shining Time Station Christmas Special
- 0800 Muppet Babies
- 0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal
- 0900 Oprah Winfrey
- 1000 Port Charles
- 1030 Guiding Light -
- 1100 General Hospital
- 1200 Headline News
- 1230 Wheel Of Fortune
- 1300 Today
- 1500 What a Mess
- 1530 Ace Ventura Pet Detective
- 1600 Captain Planet
- 1630 All That
- 1700 Jeopardy!
- 1730 ESPNews
- 1800 Headline News/News 8
- 1830 Navy Marine Corps News
- 1900 60 Minutes

- 2000 Murphy Brown
- 2030 Fired Up
- 2100 New York Undercover
- 2200 Headline News
- 2220 News 8
- 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 2330 ESPN Monday Prime

### TUESDAY

- 0100 Broncos at 49ers
- 0400 Headline News
- 0430 NBC Nightly News
- 0500 Sesame Street
- 0600 Christmas at Eureeka's Castle
- 0630 Fitness Beach
- 0700 Sesame Street
- 0800 Christmas at Eureeka's Castle
- 0830 Fitness Beach
- 0900 Montel Williams
- 1000 Port Charles
- 1030 Guiding Light
- 1100 General Hospital
- 1200 Headline News
- 1230 Wheel Of Fortune
- 1300 Today
- 1500 Masked Rider
- 1530 Bobby's World
- 1600 Bill Nye the Science Guy
- 1630 Saved By the Bell
- 1700 Jeopardy!
- 1730 ESPNews
- 1800 Headline News/News 8
- 1830 CNN Showbiz Today
- 1900 Sliders
- 2000 Miracle on 34th Street
- 2200 Headline News
- 2220 News 8
- 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 2330 Late Show with David Letterman

### WEDNESDAY

- 0030 CNN Showbiz Today
- 0100 Unsolved Mysteries
- 0200 NBA Basketball - Detroit Pistons at New York Knicks
- 0430 America's Funniest Home Videos
- 0500 Headline News
- 0530 CNN/SI
- 0600 ABC World News Tonight
- 0630 NBC Nightly News
- 0700 Sesame Street
- 0800 Barney and Friends
- 0830 Body Shaping
- 0900 Oprah Winfrey
- 1000 Port Charles
- 1030 Guiding Light
- 1100 General Hospital
- 1200 Headline News
- 1230 Wheel Of Fortune
- 1300 Today
- 1500 Life with Louie
- 1530 Madeline
- 1600 Power Rangers ZEO
- 1630 Legends Of Hidden Temple
- 1700 Jeopardy!
- 1730 ESPNews
- 1800 Headline News/News 8
- 1830 CNN Showbiz Today
- 1900 The First Years Last Forever
- 1930 Family Matters
- 2000 Beverly Hills 90210
- 2100 Melrose Place
- 2200 Headline News
- 2220 News 8
- 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno

- 2330 Late Show with David Letterman

### THURSDAY

- 0030 Showbiz Today
- 0100 Unsolved Mysteries
- 0200 NBA Basketball - Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago Bulls
- 0430 America's Funniest Home Videos
- 0500 Headline News
- 0530 CNN/SI
- 0600 ABC World News Tonight
- 0630 NBC Nightly News
- 0700 Sesame Street
- 0800 Fraggle Rock
- 0830 Fitness Beach
- 0900 Montel Williams
- 1000 Port Charles
- 1030 Guiding Light
- 1100 General Hospital
- 1200 Headline News
- 1230 Wheel Of Fortune
- 1300 Today
- 1500 Animaniacs
- 1530 Goof Troops
- 1600 Goose Bumps
- 1630 Nick News
- 1700 Jeopardy!
- 1730 ESPNews
- 1800 Headline News/News 8
- 1830 CNN Showbiz Today
- 1900 The Single Guy
- 1930 Mad About You
- 2000 Caroline In The City
- 2030 NewsRadio
- 2100 Law & Order
- 2200 Headline News
- 22:20 News 8
- 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 2330 Late Show with David Letterman

### Dec. 19

- 0030 CNN Showbiz Today
- 0100 Not Without My Daughter
- 0300 The Infiltrator
- 0500 Headline News
- 0530 CNN/SI
- 0600 ABC World News Tonight
- 0630 NBC Nightly News
- 0700 Sesame Street
- 0800 Christopher Christmas Tree
- 0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal
- 0900 Oprah Winfrey
- 1000 Port Charles
- 1030 Guiding Light -
- 1100 General Hospital
- 1200 Headline News
- 1230 Wheel Of Fortune
- 1300 Today
- 1500 Tailspin
- 1530 Beethoven
- 1600 Batman
- 1630 Space Cases
- 1700 Jeopardy!
- 1730 ESPNews
- 1800 Headline News/News 8
- 1830 CNN Showbiz Today
- 1900 Nick Freno
- 1930 King of the Hill
- 2000 Star Trek Deep Space Nine
- 2100 X-Files
- 2200 Headline News
- 2220 News 8
- 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 2330 Late Show with David Letterman